

June 18, 2012

VIA ECF

Diane P. Wood, Circuit Judge
J.P. Stadtmueller, District Judge
Robert M. Dow, Jr., District Judge
United States District Court for the
Eastern District of Wisconsin
517 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Baldus, et al. v. Brennan, et al.,
Case No. 11-CV-00562-JPS-DPW-RMD

Your Honors:

Earlier today, as the Court knows, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (“DOJ”) voluntarily dismissed with prejudice its appeal to the United States Supreme Court from this Court’s March 22, 2012 Memorandum Opinion and Order; the Judgment entered in this action on March 22, 2012; and this Court’s April 11, 2012 Order. *See* Voluntary Dismissal of Appeal to the U.S. Sup. Ct. (Dkt. 246); Notice of Appeal to the U.S. Sup. Ct. (Dkt. 239) at 2. In addition, several (but far from all) of the plaintiffs and the DOJ entered into a “Stipulation Regarding *Voces de la Frontera* Plaintiffs’ Motion to Alter or Amend the Original Judgment on Costs, and Motion for Attorney’s Fees and Costs,” which also was filed earlier today. *See* Dkt. 245. In it, the State of Wisconsin agrees to pay the *Voces* plaintiffs \$185,000 for their legal fees and costs. *Id.* ¶ 4. The DOJ has not reached a similar (or any) agreement for the State to pay the legal fees and costs incurred by any of the other plaintiffs, all of whom we represent, in the successful prosecution of their claims under the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

With the filing of the these two documents earlier today, all that remains pending in this action is the “Plaintiffs’ Motion to Alter or Amend the Original Judgment on Costs, and Motion for Attorney’s Fees and Costs [under] 42 U.S.C. §§ 1973l(e), 1988.” *See* Dkt. 228. It has been fully briefed. If the Court grants the motion, in whole or in part, it may want to consider directing or suggesting that the remaining plaintiffs and the DOJ mediate the amount of legal fees and costs to be paid by the State of Wisconsin.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Very truly yours,

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